REMEMBER: LIBRARY TO CLOSE THIS SUMMER

Please plan ahead: Hamilton Library, which houses the UH Pacific Collection, will be closed from May 15 to August 15 of 1989 to allow removal of ceiling material containing asbestos. Hamilton Library is one of the few remaining buildings on the UH campus from which asbestos has not been removed. The ceiling material on the makai half of the 2nd floor, which has suffered serious water damage over the past few years, will be removed.

The materials in the Pacific Collection will not be available. However, there is a general collection of Pacific literature available in Sinclair Library and hours will be extended to assist faculty and students. Pacific Curator Karen Peacock and Pacific Specialists Lynette Furuhashi and Renee Heyum will be engaged in special projects for the summer of 1989. We would be grateful for faculty and student assistance in spreading the word about the library closing.

JANET BELL PACIFIC RESEARCH PRIZE

The deadline for this year’s Janet Bell awards is April 12, 1989. $100 each will be given to the authors of the best undergraduate and graduate papers on the Pacific Islands region including Hawai’i. Faculty members may wish to advise students of this opportunity. Any enrolled student may submit original research with the exception of graduate theses and dissertations and published materials. Papers will be judged anonymously by a committee of Pacific experts. Full details of competition rules and form of entry are available at the Hawaiian and Pacific Collections, fifth floor, Hamilton Library.

CENTER NEWS

Dr. Paul Sharrad of the Department of English at the University of Wollongong will be the Center’s Visiting Professor for the fall of 1989. Dr. Sharrad will conduct a third-year course and a graduate seminar on the indigenous literature of the Pacific.

The Center is revising its Guide to Films About the Pacific Islands. It will contain an index and updated addresses of distributors as well as listings of new films. We welcome comments from guide users, especially about distributors of Pacific films who were missed or are new since the first printing in 1986.

Copies of Pacific Islands Monograph Series numbers 1 through 5 have been distributed to all libraries in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of Belau as a gift from UH Hamilton Library’s Pacific Collection.

Pacific Collection Curator Karen Peacock will travel through Micronesia April 10-29 on an acquisitions and exchange trip to add new documents and publications to the Collection.

Michael Ogden, Research Assistant with the Center, will be in Fiji March 15-25 for the South Pacific Telecommunications Development Programs Management Group meeting. Ogden will attend as an observer to present a report on the PTC Islanders’ Workshop (see details elsewhere in this newsletter) and to solicit attendance and support for the mid-year seminar, May 23-24 at the Turtle Bay Hilton Hotel in Hawaii, entitled "Rural and Remote Communication: A Pacific Islands Focus."

On April 18, Dr. Nancy Lewis, Associate Professor in the UH Geography Department will speak on "AIDS and Tourism: Implications for Pacific Island States," 12:00-1:30 in Porteus 704F.

On April 11, Dr. Guy Powles, Visiting Professor at the UH’s William S. Richardson School of Law, will speak on the uses of customary law in constitutional law, at noon in Porteus 704F.

RECENT SEMINARS

The Center cosponsored two seminars with the UH Department of Anthropology:
On January 6, Dr. Michele Stephen, Senior Lecturer in the Department of History at La Trobe University, Victoria, Australia, talked about her upcoming book on "Dreams and Self-Knowledge Among the Mekeo of Papua." Dr. Stephen was on her way home from a three-month sabbatical spent at the University of California at San Diego.

Dr. Nancy Pollock’s talk on January 27 was entitled "Between Polynesia and Melanesia: An Overview of Wallis and Futuna, Past and Future." Senior Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology at Victoria University of New Zealand, Dr. Pollock spent December and January as a Visiting Colleague at the Center preparing to publish her extensive research on food habits in these islands.


On February 9, Dr. Andrew Axline, Professor of Political Science at the University of Ottawa, Canada, talked about "Decentralization in Papua New Guinea: Some Recent Political Developments." A 1988-89 Research Fellow in the International Relations Program at the Resource Systems Institute of the East-West Center, Dr. Axline has worked closely with researchers and government officials in PNG since 1982.

Vilsoni Hereniko, playwright and lecturer at the University of the South Pacific, talked about "Clowning in the Pacific: With Special Emphasis on the Rotuman Case" on February 17. He showed his fifteen-minute documentary video on the Rotuman clown. His doctoral dissertation, which will be on clowning, evolved from his broader focus on indigenous theater in the Pacific.

Stewart Firth, currently Visiting Professor with the Center, talked about "Understanding Australian Policy toward the South Pacific" on February 27. He is studying the politics of Australian aid to the South Pacific.

OTHER NEWS

A workshop was held for Pacific Island users of telecommunication services and facilities as part of this year’s Pacific Telecommunications Conference. All participants were sponsored by a USIA grant obtained by PTC. Participants included: Kinja Andrike of the Marshall Islands, Lynclon Erepe and Loi Manega of Papua New Guinea, Phillip Hardstaff, Jeffrey Stander, and Carole Martin-Cocher of New Caledonia, Stuart Kingan and Stuart Davies of the Cook Islands, Wie Fiti of the Federated States of Micronesia, Ioane Malaki, Peter Schuster, and Leauga Pogi of Western Samoa, Andrew R. Munro of Vanuatu, Salome Samou of the Solomon Islands, Vainga Tone of Tonga, and Edwel Onrung and Faustina Rehuher of the Republic of Belau.

The CORAIL group (Coordination pour l'Oceanie des Recherches sur les Arts, les Idees et les Litteratures) will hold its second multidisciplinary colloquium, under the patronage of the Université Française du Pacifique, on November 2 and 3 1989, in Noumea, on the themes: Man and Time -- in the South Pacific World, whether French or English speaking, in its historical, literary, and sociocultural aspects. All papers accepted will be published in the Annals of CORAIL. For information write: Dr. Francine Tolron, 3, Rue Charbonneaux, Noumea, New Caledonia.

The Pacific Child: The Quest for Literacy will be the theme of the Sixth Annual Pacific Educational Conference sponsored by Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, the Bureau of Education of Belau, Micronesian Occupational College, and Center for the Advancement of Pacific Education. For information, contact: Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl, Chairman, Central Planning Committee, P.O. Box 189, Bureau of Education, Koror, Palau 96940, FAX: 680-9-1725. Or submit prospectus (deadline: April 15) to Center for the Advancement of Pacific Education, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1409, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813, FAX: (808) 523-1741.

The World Health Organization has called for proposals from interested researchers to evaluate the impact of interventions in reducing maternal mortality and morbidity. To apply or for more information, write: Manager, Safe Motherhood Initiative, Division of Family
Health, World Health Organisation, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland.

The Health Careers Opportunity Program is accepting applications for its 1989 Summer Enrichment Program which extends from May 24 through June 30. Fifteen students from the Manoa campus will be selected to participate free of charge in career exploration and planning in the health professions. Applications may be obtained by picking them up at the HCOP office behind the Student Health Center or by calling 948-6285.

On January 31, A rundtable conference was held between US Federal, Pacific Island, and private business officials on business opportunities and issues in the American-affiliated Pacific Islands. Held at the EastWest Center, the conference was sponsored by the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Territorial and International Affairs, and Pacific Islands Association in cooperation with the US Department of Commerce and the Small Business Association.

POSITION OPENINGS

UH-Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law is advertising for a Director of its Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Program. It is a full-time, tenure-track position to begin January 1990. For information, write: Associate Dean Lawrence Foster, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, 2515 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96822. Closing date for applications is October 1, 1989.

The University of Guam is soliciting applications to establish a list of eligibles for Instructor/Assistant Professor (Technical Processing Librarian). Primary responsibilities will be acquisitions and cataloging. Deadline is May 1, 1989. Write Dr. Donald Rubinstein, Chair, Search Committee for Instructor/Assistant Professor (Technical Processing Librarian), Micronesian Area Research Center, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96913 USA.

BOOKS AND VIDEOTAPES

The Center’s Pacific Islands Monograph Series, No. 6, Missionary Lives: Papua, 1874-1914, by Diane Langmore is now available. During a 40-year period at the end of the 19th century and early in the 20th century, more than 300 men and women served as missionaries in Papua New Guinea. This biographical study emphasizes their backgrounds, attitudes, beliefs, and experiences, and outlines the friction between the nationalities and between the religious denominations. It is available for $US35.00 plus $US1.00 postage from University of Hawai‘i Press, 2840 Kolowalu Street, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96822.

Kle Belau: Palau Through the Eyes of Charlie Gibbons, a film about the life and work of a Belauan folk painter is now available for purchase. The film was made possible by two generous grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and by the time and expertise donated by filmmaker Dan Baker and Executive Director Faustina Rehuher of the Belau National Museum. Kle Belau is a beautifully crafted film that will be of considerable interest to audiences in Belau, the wider Pacific Islands, and to anyone interested in Pacific art and culture. It is a fitting tribute to Charlie Gibbons, who died in mid-1988 at the age of 94. It can be purchased in VHS cassette for $41.50 plus shipping, or in 16mm film print for $584.00 plus shipping, from W.A. Palmer Films, Inc., 1475 Old County Road, Belmont, CA 94002 USA, Phone: (415) 592-9170.

The author of Nest in the Wind: Adventures in anthropology on a Tropical Island, says the book is a story of "how we learn first to survive in another culture, then to adjust to strange customs, and later to appreciate the integrity and cohesiveness of another people’s lives." Written by Martha C. Ward, Professor of Anthropology at the University of New Orleans, about her experiences in Ponape, it is her "personal account of doing fieldwork in a strange culture." It sells for $US8.95 and can be purchased through Waveland Press, Inc., P.O. Box 400, Prospect Heights, Illinois 60070.

Kapiolani Community College’s Folk Press is a small publisher devoted to historical reprints and original folklore material. It is interested in letters, journals, diaries, oral interviews or other primary materials that may be of importance to the story of Hawai‘i’s past. Two recent publications are: Fort DeRussy Days: Letters of a Malihini Army Wife (1908-1911) by Anne Goodwin Winslow, edited by her daughter, M. Winslow Chapman, available for $6.95, and I Ka Wa o Kamehameha, a collection of five historical essays by the Hawaiian historian Samuel M. Kamakau, available for $3.95. These were selected from nineteenth-century Hawaiian language newspapers, are printed in the original, and are also translated to English for the first time. For information write: Folk Press, Office of Community Services, Kapiolani Community College, DH Bldg 924, Rm 102, 4303 Diamond Head Rd., Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96816.

Souvenir videos of the Fifth Festival of Pacific Arts can be purchased for $A90.00 in BETA or VHS from Murrie Television Pty. Ltd, M.S.O. Box 5483, Townsville QLD 4816 Australia. An audio recording of the festival and a festival book called Arts of the Pacific, which outlines general information about the Pacific countries involved is available from Patricia Turner, Festival Director, 5th
Festival of Pacific Arts, P.O. Box 720, Townsville QLD 4810 Australia.

Video cassettes about Papua New Guinea and other Pacific Islands are available for 50 kina each from the Institute of Papua New Guinea Studies, Post Office Box 1432, Boroko, Papua New Guinea. They include: Angels of War, First Contact, Frontline, Gogodala, Ikekse, Kama Wosi, Malangan Labadama, Red Bowman, Sharkcallers of Kontu, Tukane, and Yumi Yet. Also available are publications including Bikmaus, Oral History, books on music and literature, and cassettes of traditional Papua New Guinea music.

A brand new film on Belau, Doing it Right: Democracy in the Pacific covers the Compact of Free Association, hearings at the United Nations and at the US Congress, US military interests, nuclear free zones, the IPSECO power plant scandal, and the Salii suicide. For information on availability, write Options 2000 Productions, P.O. Box 1047, Bolinas, California 94920 USA.